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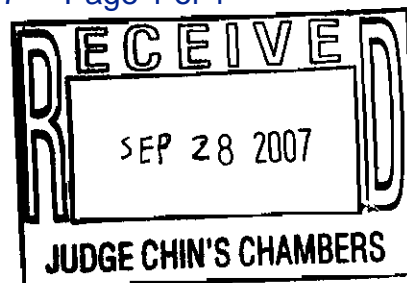
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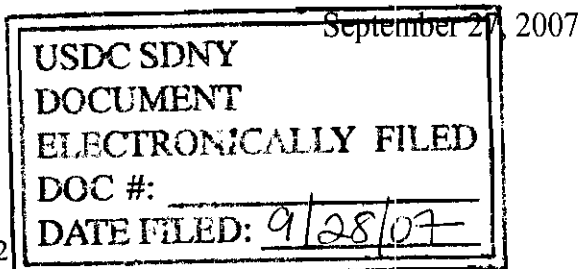
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Hon. Denny Chin
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
500 Pearl Street, Room 1020
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Re: Drake v. Woods
07 Civ. 7015 (DC)

Dear Judge Chin: **MEMO ENDORSED**

I am an Assistant District Attorney in New York County. I represented the People during petitioner's state criminal appeal, and I will file the respondent's papers in the above-captioned habeas corpus proceeding. The Answer is currently due on October 4, 2007; that was the original response date set by the Court.

I write this letter to request an extension to November 1, 2007, of the date our papers will be filed. I have only recently received petitioner's papers, and my current obligations in the Appellate Division, First Department, will delay my start on this case. However, I expect that this additional time period should be sufficient to allow the preparation of our memorandum of law. I have spoken to Mr. Greenberg, petitioner's counsel, and he has graciously stated that he has no objection to this request.

I thank you for your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,

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Assistant District Attorney

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*Petitioner's reply papers
are now due 11/21/07.*

**APPLICATION GRANTED.
SO ORDERED**

Denny Chin, U.S.D.J.

9/28/07